

Decision Notice Valley County Rifle Pistol Shooting Range Enhancement Grant August 19, 2009

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks released a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on a proposal to grant \$49,535.00 in Shooting Range Grant funds to the Valley County Rifle & Pistol Club for the construction of a new rifle and pistol range at a former U.S. Air Force range site near the Glasgow International Airport.

The Draft EA was posted on FWP's web site July 23, 2009 for a 14-day comment period and legal ads were placed in the *Glasgow Courier* and the Helena *Independent Record* newspapers. An FWP Region 6 news release announcing this project was distributed on July 27.

FWP received a comment from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHIPO): "Because this project involves ground disturbance within the boundaries of site 24VL1780 we recommend that a cultural resource inventory be conducted in order to determine whether or not this project will have an impact on this sites National Register of Historic Places eligibility."

FWP Response: this project uses no federal funds nor does it takes place on state owned or controlled property; therefore, the Federal 106 Regulations and the State Antiques Act do not apply. FWP will forward these comments on to the Valley County Rifle Pistol Club and Valley County.

Based on public comments and internal review, the Draft EA will be adopted as the Final EA. This Decision Notice and the Final EA will serve as the final documents pertaining to this action

As a result funding for this proposed project is approved, pending Valley County Rifle Pistol Club's completion of other administrative requirements under the Shooting Range Development Program.

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